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PI KAPPA ALPHA FRATERNITY SUSPENDS ZETA CHAPTER AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE

The Zeta Chapter surrendered its Charter on September 28, 2012. Subsequently, the International Fraternity suspended the Chapter's charter, effective immediately, with the status of its charter to be revisited no sooner than 2015.

"While there have been some sensational elements to the incident that took place on September 22, 2012, the important area of focus for the Fraternity is the illegal and dangerous activities involving alcohol. The International Fraternity found this culture of activity to be of great concern and therefore unequivocally accepted the charter surrender, and further resolved to suspend the chapter's charter."

"It is unfortunate that a group of initiated members of the chapter have tarnished Pi Kappa Alpha's reputation. The Fraternity reserves the right to pursue expulsion proceedings against these individuals in accordance with its *Constitution*."

"It is important to note that there are students from this chapter who are of upstanding character. Zeta chapter has historically produced scores of respected alumni and men of integrity who do not and should not have their name associated with these behaviors. Many of the current undergraduate members and alumni have voiced their concern about this incident and are supportive of the decision to suspend the Chapter's charter. These activities were not representative of the Zeta Chapter, its alumni, or the International Fraternity and the mission they strive to uphold."

"The International Fraternity remains committed to working with the University of Tennessee in ongoing efforts to address and educate students on the dangers of the misuse of alcohol."

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